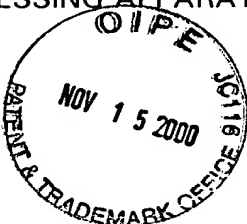


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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action, which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document, which is determined to be a prima facie prior art reference against the claims of the present application.

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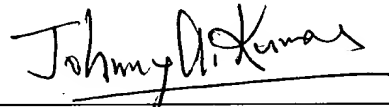
Document A2 discloses an image processing system including a common scanner and a plurality of host machines.

An English translation of document A2 is not readily available; however, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted document (37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609). An English language abstract is provided for documents A2. Applicants also note that document A1 is a U.S. patent counterpart of document A2.

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), within three (3) months of the filing date.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP § 609.

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